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SUBJECT: Request for Advisory Opinion

As a licensed and registered dietitian/nutritionist residing in Louisiana, I currently serve as an appointed member of the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition. I have recently been asked by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to consider serving as a member of their Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC). A description of the functions and commitment of the LPPC is attached.

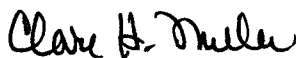
The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the American Dietetic Association), founded in 1917 during World War I, is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals, with over 75,000 members—registered dietitian nutritionists, dietetic technicians, registered, and other dietetics professionals holding undergraduate and advanced degrees in nutrition and dietetics, and students—and is committed to improving the nation's health and advancing the profession of dietetics through research, education and advocacy.

Both appointments to the Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition and to the Academy's LPPC are voluntary positions, with no financial enumeration and/or interest in either position. I have no business or financial relationship to either appointment, nor am I compensated by either.

In the event no conflict or ethics violation is determined for this appointment, I would like to accept reimbursement offered by the Academy for any necessary travel, lodging and per diem expenses.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

c. Louisiana Board of Examiners in Dietetics and Nutrition

Legislative and Public Policy Committee

The Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) guides the establishment of the Academy's public policy work including, but not limited to, activities related to federal and state public policy, legislative, and regulatory issues. The LPPC consists of nine volunteer leaders who serve a staggered three-year term. The President-elect, Speaker of the House and Academy Public Action Committee Chairman serve as ex-officio members for a one-year term. Appointments to the committee follow the calendar year (January-December) and are made by the President and Speaker.

Functions

- Oversee the Academy's advocacy strategies and stances in public policy priority areas.
- Support effective advocacy representations and efforts.
- Participate actively in monthly meetings and during FNCE® and the Public Policy Workshop (PPW).
- Identify Academy expertise and resources in priority areas.
- Identify opportunities to advance nutrition and dietetics in public policy and grassroots initiatives.
- Seek information, positions and guidance of other Academy committees, task forces, workgroups and teams.

Time Commitment

- Meets two times per year (PPW, and another designed time); all expenses paid by the Academy (travel, lodging and per diem).
- Committee meets via conference call 10 times per year.
- The amount of time per month to work on committee projects would be around four to six hours.

Principles and Values for Public Policy Work

The LPPC guides the establishment of the Academy's public policy work including, but not limited to, activities related to national and state public policy, legislative and regulatory issues. To positively impact the health status of Americans, the goals of the Legislative and Public Policy Committee (LPPC) are as follows.

1. To apply and abide by the following principles and values approved by Academy's Board of Directors* in the deliberation of issues associated with the Academy's public policy work. These principles include:

- Food and nutrition are the foundation of health.
 - Sound science and its applications serve as the basis of the Academy's food, nutrition and health policy stances.
 - A safe, nutritionally adequate and personally acceptable diet** must be available to all individuals.
 - Health promotion goes beyond information campaigns, and includes nutrition education for overall health, medical nutrition therapy for disease prevention and treatment, as well as nutrition research to advance the public's knowledge, acceptance and application to improve the nation's nutritional well being.
 - Evidence-based medical nutrition therapy is an integral part of nutrition assessment, disease treatment, management and rehabilitation.
 - Academy's Code of Ethics is the foundation for dietetics practice.
 - Academy's advocacy serves two primary objectives: to enhance the status and role of the profession and to improve the health of the public.
2. To ensure the policy positions and advocacy program reflects these values:
- Food and nutrition policy must be based on reliable scientific evidence, which is disseminated to promote public understanding and adoption of healthful behavior change.
 - Improving the health status of Americans requires a spectrum of programs, which must include nutrition services delivered by dietetics professionals to all segments of the population.
 - A global food supply providing a safe and nutritionally adequate diet needs to be available to all individuals in acceptable forms at reasonable cost.
 - Freedom of choice in personal food preferences is the right of consumers.
 - Consumers need nutrition information, knowledge and skills to make informed food choices.
 - Registered dietitian nutritionists and dietetic technicians, registered provide unique and valuable knowledge and expertise in the delivery of food and nutrition services.
 - Food science and technology can maximize safety and deliver nutrition for optimal health and value to consumers.
 - Food and nutrition research, including monitoring and surveillance, consumer testing and policy evaluation, requires adequate, on-going support.
 - Evidence-based guides for practice are developed and utilized to advance dietetics services that benefit the health of the public cost-effectively.

**Based on the recommendations of the Nutrition Policy Task Force, March 2002.*

***In referring to "diet," the LPPC will consider an overall eating pattern.*

FNCE – Food and Nutrition Conference and Exhibition

PPW – Public Policy Workshop